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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2d Floor
Boston, MA 02110

RE: D.T.E. 03-121; Investigation of Standby Rate Tariffs for the NSTAR Companies

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find for filing in the above-referenced docket one original and six copies of the prefiled Direct Testimony of Alvaro E. Pereira for the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources. Please note that due to the fact that the NSTAR Companies have not yet provided DOER with documents responsive to discovery requests including, but not limited to, DOER 1-13, AG 1-19, AG 1-20, DTE 3-1 and DTE 4-1, DOER reserves the right to file supplemental Direct Testimony within a reasonable time after receipt of documents responsive to these requests. Attorneys for the NSTAR Companies have agreed that DOER may supplement its testimony after receipt of the requested documents.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy General Counsel

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